REMARKS:

Status of the Claims:

Claims 1-8 and 10-32 remain in the case. No new matter is introduced by this amendment. Entry and consideration of this Amendment are respectfully requested.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1-8,10-16,19-21, and 24-28 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hiroaki Sudo (USPN 6,950,474) in view of Sipola (US 2002/0044612), in further view of Applicant's Admitted Prior Art (herein referred to as AAPA).

Claims 17-18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hiroaki Sudo (USPN 6,950,474) in view of Sipola (US 2002/0044612) with AAPA as applied to claim 15 above, and further in view of ETSI EN 300744 V1.4.1 (2001-01).

Claims 22-23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hiroaki Sudo US patent 6950474 in view of Sipola US Published Application 2002/0044612 with AAPA and further in view of Hosur US Published Application 2001/0033623.

Applicant's Response

Applicant respectfully points out that the pending claims submitted in the Applicant's prior amendment of September 30, 2008 were apparently not examined in the current Office action of January 2, 2009. The current Office action of January 2, 2009 is identical with the preceding Office action of June 30, 2008. The current Office action of January 2, 2009 does not address the claim terms added by the Applicant's prior amendment of September 30, 2008, but instead addresses claim terms that were deleted by the Applicant's prior amendment of September 30, 2008.

The Applicant's remarks in Applicant's prior amendment of September 30, 2008 are incorporated herein by reference.

The Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to examine the pending claims submitted in the Applicant's prior amendment of September 30, 2008.

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CONCLUSION

Based on the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims and allowance of this application.

AUTHORIZATION

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for consideration of this Amendment to Deposit Account No. <u>50-4827</u>, Order No. 1004289-205US (4208-4234).

In the event that an extension of time is required, or which may be required in addition to that requested in a petition for an extension of time, the Commissioner is requested to grant a petition for that extension of time which is required to make this response timely and is hereby authorized to charge any fee for such an extension of time or credit any overpayment for an extension of time to Deposit Account No 50-4827, Order No. 1004289-205US (4208-4234).

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